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Schling-Stark duo bidding for AAA district tournament berth

BUCYRUS—Jody Schling and Gail Stark, the top doubles combination on the Ross High School tennis team and number 2 seed in the sectional tournament here, are one victory away from qualifying for district competition.

The Schling-Stark combination advanced to the semifinals of the sectional with two victories Friday. They decisioned the Demitrone-Dickman pair from Sandusky 6-1, 6-1 and then topped the Grimes-Hupps team of Galion 6-1, 6-0 to reach the semifinal match with the Simmons-Schuman pair of Ashland this morning. Three doubles teams will advance to the district competition in Toledo next weekend. The two losing teams in the semifinal matches will play off for the third spot in the districts.

During the regular season, Schling and Stark played Ross's second and first court singles, respectively, but now are the only members of the

Ross girls tennis team with a chance to advance to the district.

Every Ross competitor won at least one match in the sectional. Freshman Julie Young fell just one victory short of qualifying for the district. She defeated Chris Catello of Mansfield Senior 6-4, 6-0 and Heather Brenick of Galion 7-5, 6-2 before losing to Jennie Weiss of Ashland 6-1, 6-4 in the semifinals.

In other singles matches, Kim White decisioned Jill Corbin of Galion 6-3, 7-6 before falling to Sue Lovelace of Shelby, 6-2, 6-3, and Jolyn Gamertsfelder beat Kathleen Rozic of Mansfield Malabar 6-0, 6-2 before being eliminated by Hallie Braun of Ashland 6-1, 6-2.

The doubles team of Sue Gahn and Jennifer Miesle topped the Hoover-Marino pair of Galion, 6-3, 6-2 before losing 6-0, 6-1 to the Cole-Humphrey team from Mansfield Malabar.

Stark, Schling move to district

BUCYRUS — The Fremont Ross doubles team of Gail Stark and Jody Schling qualified for the Class AAA district tennis tournament with a runnerup finish in the sectional tourney at Bucyrus High School Saturday.

The Stark-Schling duo clinched the district berth by winning its semifinal match over Ashland's unseeded tandem of Kim Simmons and Kristen Schuman 6-4, 6-1 Saturday morning.

The second-seeded Ross team then missed its chance to win the sectional title by dropping a 6-1, 6-2 decision to the top-seeded team of Jenny Cole and Lynn Humphreys of Mansfield Malabar in the championship finals Saturday afternoon.

"The girls played very well," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said of Stark and Schling.

"They lost the first two games of the semifinal match, but they came around and won it.

"Schling was serving very well and Stark was hitting some nice cross-court shots. I'm very pleased and proud of both of them."

The Class AAA district tourney will begin Friday at 10 a.m., at the Sylvania Club (formerly the Sylvania Racquet Club) on Centennial Road. It was originally scheduled to be held at Bowman Park in Toledo but was moved, according to Michaels. Drawing will be held Wednesday.